

## **I. Major Research and Public Service Activities 2007-2008**

- **BCC Partners with Wilmington University**

In July 2007 The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education granted licensure to Wilmington University to offer select degree completion programs and courses at Burlington County College. Beginning in the fall 2007 degree completion programs in Behavioral Science, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Accounting, Business Management and Human Resource Management were offered.



- **BCC Offers Courses at Bordentown Regional High School**

Beginning in the fall 2007 BCC began offering classes at Bordentown Regional High School. This location offers students the opportunity to complete their associates of arts degree in Business Administration completely in Bordentown.

- **BCC Awarded Grant from NASA Totaling Nearly \$ 1 Million**



BCC received a grant from NASA totaling nearly \$1 million. Funding from the grant supported the creation of BCC's Physical Science Center and the procurement of equipment to update and enhance curriculum and instruction in the areas of astronomy, meteorology, climatology, marine and environmental sciences, geospatial information systems and scientific photography. To date, BCC has dedicated and modified nearly 1900 square feet of existing space on the Mount Laurel Campus for the creation of a permanent Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences laboratory as well as a Marine and Environmental Sciences laboratory that house new equipment including wave and sedimentation tanks.

- **BCC Led the State in Enrollment Growth**

According to figures released by the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges in November 2007, BCC led the state with the highest enrollment growth among community colleges. Fall 2007 full-time student enrollment grew by more than 10% and part-time enrollment increased by 5.9% compared to a statewide full-time enrollment growth of 4.6%. The growth was attributed primarily to BCC's extensive list of transfer opportunities, online classes and lowest tuition among community colleges in the state.

- **Burlington County Library System Partnership Announced**

BCC and the Burlington County Library System joined together to offer a first-of-its-kind innovative partnership to the community. Under this partnership, BCC students and Burlington County residents share access to both libraries on BCC's Pemberton and Mount Laurel campuses as well as all Burlington County Library System locations. The partnership

provides all constituents with access to inter-library loan and unique collections including BCC's extensive compilations on genealogy and the Pinelands.

- **BCC Adopts Connect-ED Service to Enhance Emergency Preparedness**

BCC selected the multi-modal communication service, Connect-ED, to deliver time-sensitive notifications to students and staff. Connect-ED provides campus leaders and public safety professionals with the ability to reach all students and staff with information and updates within minutes during unforeseen events or emergencies via phone calls, text messages and e-mails. Connect-ED also allows reminder messages to be sent to students regarding bill payment and registration deadlines.

- **Poet Kevin Powell Drew Crowd to the Enterprise Center at BCC**

Kevin Powell, political activist, entrepreneur, drew a large crowd to BCC February 6. Powell, former Magazine, co-founded a nonprofit that focuses on using hip hop as a He captivated the audience with his issues, literature and the history of



poet, journalist and the Enterprise Center at senior writer for Vibe community-based group tool for social change. discussion on race hip hop.

- **Dental Hygiene Program Awarded Full Accreditation Status**

In March 2008 BCC's Dental Hygiene program was granted the status of full accreditation by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Upon careful review, the Commission determined that the program's accreditation status was granted as "approval without reporting requirements" until 2014.

- **Career and Employment Center Implements Online Job Posting and Resume Database System**

BCC's Career and Employment Center is now posting all student-related job and resume services online. This system allows area employers to post employment openings, search the resume database and check out upcoming events at no charge, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students and alumni can also easily post resumes and search for available positions.

- **Dr. Messina Honored at Presidential Gala**

On September 15, 2007 Dr. Messina was honored for his twenty years of dedication and service to BCC at a Presidential Gala. The black tie affair celebrated Dr. Messina for his 20 years of visionary leadership at BCC and was attended by 650 guests including various dignitaries. Proceeds from the event benefited the Foundation's Dorothy Messina Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

